

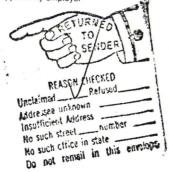


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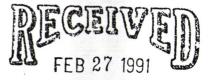




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January 28, 1991

CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT P 074 978 811

Mr. Joseph LaStella P. O. Box 570 Spanish Fork, Utah 84660

Dear Mr. LaStella:

Re: BLM Notice of Noncompliance, Sno-Ben #2, Uintah County, Utah, Division of Oil, Gas and Mining File #S/047/048, Uintah County, Utah

In February of 1990, the Division became aware of a Plan of Operations for the above-referenced mine site filed by you with the BLM office in Vernal. In April 1990, the Division received copy of the March 2, 1990, BLM Notice of Noncompliance decision for your failure to comply with BLM requests to amend your notice and remove your house trailer from the site. That BLM registered letter to you was unclaimed and a second registered letter was sent in July 1990. The second letter also went unclaimed.

In June 1990, the Division sent a registered letter to you (copy enclosed) requesting reclamation of the site by compliance with the BLM's requests, which also went unclaimed. In August 1990, a joint inspection of the Sno-Ben #2 site was performed by Division and BLM personnel to document the current status of the site.

Recent correspondence copied to the Division by the BLM indicates that you have now established a record of noncompliance and furthermore, the BLM requests that you reclaim the site within 30 days of receipt of their letter or they will conduct the reclamation and initiate legal procedures to collect the expense from you.

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At this time, the Division hereby directs you to fully reclaim the mine site by complying with the BLM's directives no later than 60 days from the date of this letter. If you fail to reclaim the mine site, the Division will initiate a Notice of Agency Action which may result in an issuance of an emergency Board Order which would require you to appear before the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining, and indicate why the State should not require immediate and complete reclamation of the mine site. In addition, pursuant to Rule R613-003-111, the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining, may after notice and hearing, order that: 1) Reclamation be conducted by the Division; and 2) the costs and expenses of reclamation, together with costs of collection, including attorney's fees, be recovered in a civil action brought by the Attorney General against the operator in any appropriate court.

Under the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act, Title 40, Chapter 8, Section 40-8-9, (1)(a) "Any person, owner, or operator who willfully or knowingly evades this chapter ... is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction is subject to a fine of not more than \$10,000 for each violation. (b) Each day of willful failure to comply with an emergency order is a separate violation," (refer to attachment).

Please contact myself or Wayne Hedberg, Minerals Reclamation Supervisor, if you have any questions regarding the content and/or requirements of this letter.

Sincerely,

James P Branto Lowell P. Braxton

Associate Director, Mining

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Attachment

cc: Pete Sokolosky, BLM, Vernal RA

Tom Mitchell, Assistant Attorney General

Minerals Staff

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